

DIRECTORS ATTENDING: Karen Curtin, Laurel Files, Kris Hergert, Bonnie Simms, Bob Stoothoff
STAFF: Bill Ferrell (Manager)

MINUTES

Karen Curtin, MCA President, convened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Karen Curtin)

The board approved the minutes for the August Board of Directors meeting by acclamation.

FINANCIALS (Bill Ferrell, Manager)

August Financial Report: Bill reviewed the previously-distributed financial report, noting that the MCA's financial position is "strong and steady."

ACTION:

Laurel Files moved, seconded by Karen Curtin, that the *August treasurer's report be accepted*. The motion was approved unanimously.

Annual Audit/Review: MCA auditor Roberson CPA has indicated that it will be preparing financial reviews only going forward. Given the Back Office changes that have occurred this year, we agreed that it would be best to have Roberson review our financial statements for 2016. We also agreed to consider a change next year to a firm that can provide both reviews and audits. While reviews are permitted by our bylaws, we might want to consider rotating them with audits on some schedule.

Dues Increase: The board discussed adjusting the projected dues increase to a fixed amount, rather than a percentage increase, so that the dues are in a dollar amount rather than dollars and change.

ACTION:

Bonnie Simms moved, seconded by Bob Stoothoff, that *the board revise its June motion on homeowner assessments to: the board will implement a \$3/quarter increase in homeowner assessments, effective 2017*. The motion was approved unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT (Ferrell)

- *2017 Budget:* Bill will be preparing a draft 2017 budget for the board's approval and requested input as to what is needed. The discussion centered on community "walkability," particularly in terms of trees. Bill distinguished between tree trimming (handled by Myatt) and structure pruning (handled by Bartlett); he will budget specifically for both. There will also have to be consideration of additional budget necessitated by damage to tree roots by the Google Fiber work currently underway; although Google is responsible for such damage, the board can't count on them to cover resulting expenses.

- *Summit Park Landscaping:* Related to the budget discussion was the prospect of the future replacement of the Summit Park fountains with attractive landscaping. This would mean a significant investment up front, in the interest of longer-term reduction/elimination of fountain maintenance/repair/replacement expenses. Bob Stoothoff suggested that a joint MCA-Summit Park working group follow up this discussion, to plan such a transition with Summit Park input. Karen will invite the Summit Park chair and vice chair to meet with her and Kris.

Bill circulated a written summary report that included:

- *Parkridge Gates:* Bill is working with the fence company to resolve issues causing a delay in installation of the gates.
- *Trees; Landscaping:* Spraying for tree tent worms. Lost a tree during the last large storm. Working on a claim to Google Fiber for a damaged tree. Re-seeding Old Barn open space with rye grass, in October.

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE (Curtin)

The board reviewed its 2016 activities and reconsidered the discussion at August's Strategic Planning session to discontinue music events. There was excellent attendance at, and a very positive response to, September's event: The Charlie Band. Karen suggested that we consider bringing in groups such as that one (i.e., "wedding"/cover bands) rather than niche groups and limit the number of music events to two. There was board support for one music event in May 2017 and a second in September, with ice cream/food trucks at these events as well as in neighborhoods during the summer months.

Laurel recalled the support years ago for the annual "arts festival" held in the Village, but Bill noted that that event was quite expensive and a lot of work, plus the Village merchants (and DDR) are not particularly supportive of such an activity. She suggested that perhaps we could think of using the grassy area on Old Barn, at the Gazebo, for a similar, smaller "art fair" that might feature artisans from Meadowmont. We agreed that Nancy would be the right point person to do some investigation on this and other possible alternatives to music events.

The Community Life Committee (aka Events Committee) will explore these options.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing additional.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

NEXT MEETING
Friday, October 21, 2016
8:00 a.m., MCA Office